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INSTRUCTIONS FOR SHORT-FORM APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONNECT AMERICA FUND PHASE II AUCTION (AUCTION 903) SCHEDULED TO BEGIN ON JULY 24, 2018

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The Rural Broadband Auctions Task Force, Wireline Competition Bureau, and Wireless Telecommunications Bureau today release instructions for completing the short-form application (FCC Form 183) for entities seeking to participate in the Connect America Fund Phase II auction (Phase II auction, or Auction 903). The instructions are available on the Connect America Fund Phase II Auction (Auction 903) website (www.fcc.gov/auction/903) under the "Education" tab, where they will remain available and accessible for reference.

Among other things, the instructions indicate how an applicant can select the specific state(s) in which it wishes to bid, select the performance tier and latency combination(s) on which it wishes to bid in its selected state(s), submit operational and financial information demonstrating that it can meet the service requirements associated with the performance tier and latency combination(s) for which it intends to bid, disclose auction-related agreements, and provide information regarding its ownership structure.

When filling out FCC Form 183, an applicant should follow the instructions, along with the short-form application procedures as set forth and explained in the *Auction 903 Procedures Public Notice*. Additional guidance, data, and information related to the Phase II auction is available on the Connect America Fund Phase II Auction website (www.fcc.gov/auction/903). This site has other relevant public notices and/or decisions that have been issued in this proceeding and will have any future public notices and/or decisions that may be issued in this proceeding. Additionally, copies of these and other relevant documents are available at the FCC's headquarters located at 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554 during normal business hours. An online tutorial will be available by March 13, 2018, to provide additional assistance to applicants in completing their short-form applications. This tutorial will be accessible on the Connect America Fund Phase II Auction website (www.fcc.gov/auction/903) through a link under the "Education" tab.

¹ See Connect America Fund Phase II Auction Scheduled for July 24, 2018; Notice and Filing Requirements and Other Procedures for Auction 903, Public Notice, FCC 18-6 (Feb. 1, 2018) (Auction 903 Procedures Public Notice). The FCC Form 183 filing window will open at 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) on March 19, 2018, and close at 6:00 p.m. ET on March 30, 2018. FCC Form 183 will be available when the filing window opens.

For further information concerning Auction 903, contact the appropriate individual or office listed below:

FCC Auctions Hotline

General Auction Questions (888) 225-5322, option two; or

Auction Process and Procedures (717) 338-2868

Hours of service: 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. ET,

Monday through Friday

Auctions and Spectrum Access Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau

For general auction questions: Linda Sanderson at (717) 338-2868

For Auction 903 legal questions: Mark Montano or Angela Kung at (202) 418-0660

Telecommunications Access Policy Division,

Wireline Competition Bureau

For Connect America Fund Phase II legal questions: Heidi Lankau or Katie King at (202) 418-7400

Technical Support

Electronic Filing (877) 480-3201, option nine; or (202) 414-1250

Auction Application System (Hardware/Software (202) 414-1255 (TTY)

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Press Information

For press questions: Mark Wigfield at (202) 418-0253

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FCC Forms (800) 418-3676 (outside Washington DC)

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Office of Communications Business Opportunities (202) 418-0990 For questions concerning small business inquiries: www.fcc.gov/ocbo/

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Electronic Code of Federal Regulations <u>www.ecfr.gov</u>